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1. The Artificial Fiber Factory, in Szczecin, is located in Szczecin-Zydowce, with Przodownikow Pracy Street to the east, the Oder River to the west, and meadows and a canal flowing into the Oder in the north. To the south there is a small German cemetery.
2. Berent (fnu) was deputy director, a middle aged person, about 165 cm. tall, with black hair. Stanislaw Malysa was the commander of the Industrial Guard. He was married, about 35 years of age, tall, thin, with black hair. He belonged to the 25X1X
3. The Szczecin factory was 40 percent destroyed by the Germans during World War II. During the first years after the war, the Polish government rebuilt it. In the newly reconstructed area, they built an administrative building. There were three entrances on the first floor of this building leading to the mill area. In April 1953, new spinning machines were being installed in the second half of the spinning building, which had stood empty up to that time.
4. The area of the mill covers about 600 meters in length and 500 meters in width. It consists of the following buildings (the numbers here given correspond to those on the annexed sketch):
 - (1) Spinning building, a brick building measuring 100 meters by 40. It is about 16 meters high.
 - (2) Angora wool warehouse and packing room, a three-story brick building, 60 meters by 20.
 - (3) Three-story brick building, 40 meters by 20 meters. The purpose of this building

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- (4) Cellulose warehouse, a three-story brick building, 50 meters by 40 meters.
 - (5) Disulphide warehouse, a three-story brick building, 40 meters by 20 meters.
 - (6) Power plant, a brick building, 20 meters by 15 meters and 15 meters high.
 - (7) Boiler house, a two-story brick building, 35 meters by 30 meters.
 - (8) Repair shop, a one-story brick building, 30 meters by 20 meters.
 - (9) Plant management, a three-story brick building, 35 meters by 15 meters.
 - (10) Industrial Guard building, a two-story brick building, 15 meters by 10 meters.
 - (11) Administrative building, a new building not yet in use. It was a three-story brick building, 50 meters by 20 meters.
 - (12) Infirmary, a two-story brick building, 20 meters by 16 meters.
 - (13) Transformer, a brick building about 15 meters long and 5 meters wide.
 - (14) Gatehouse, a one-story brick building, 8 meters by 5 meters.
 - (15) Chemical laboratory, a two-story brick building, 30 meters by 15 meters.
5. This plant produced artificial fiber from cellulose, with angora as a side product. Cloth was not produced here at all. Generally two freight cars of cellulose were used each week.
 6. Cellulose and coal were brought by freight cars into the plant. This plant had two trucks at its disposal, one rubber-tired tractor made by Ursus, with two trailers, and a small railroad locomotive with a wheel base probably of standard size. The plant had its own railroad siding.
 7. The plant employed about 3,000 persons. There were three shifts in operation. The first shift, which began at 6 a.m., was the largest. The largest number were at work during the first shift because the offices were open only during the first shift, and the construction firms working in the factory area worked only during the hours of the first shift.
 8. The factory had a wire fence, two meters high on its east side. There were three guard posts on this side. Post Number One was the gatehouse. Post Number Two ran north of the gatehouse to the turn in the fence, and Post Number Seven south of the gatehouse to the turn in the fence. There was also a wire fence on the northern side of the plant, of the same height. On this side there was only Post Number Three. On the western side there was a wall made of cement slabs. It was three meters high. Along this fence, about 40 meters inside, Posts Number Four and Five were located. Since the range of observation of the guard posts did not cover the entire area, it was possible to enter the plant by previously removing the concrete slabs in a corner on the southwest side.
 9. The fence on the south side was made of cement but went only to the German cemetery. Along the cemetery there was a barbed wire fence. In this area there was only Guard Post Number Six. The guard on this post patrolled only the barbed wire fence area.
 10. In addition to the plant restrictions and the guard posts, inside, near the fence, there was Post Number Eight in front of the cellulose warehouse, which also contained unused generators.
 11. Without an entrance pass into the plant, it was possible to get by Post Number Five. The best time was at midnight, when the guards were tired. Legally, it was possible to enter the plant only on presentation of a pass. There were

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several types of passes:

- a. A pass good for one time, issued by any divisional director of the factory.
 - b. A temporary pass without a photograph, valid for one month, issued by the personnel director. Such a pass was issued to workers on probation.
 - c. A permanent pass was red, included a photograph, and was valid for a period of three months, which was extended after the period was up. Regular employees had this type of pass.
 - d. A special pass issued by the Inspectorate of Security (Inspektorat Ochrony). This type of pass had an A and a B category. A pass belonging to category A was given to persons arriving from Warsaw to check the Industrial Guard. A pass belonging to category B was given to persons arriving from the voivodship administration, in Szczecin, to check the Industrial Guard. If a person had one of the types of passes mentioned, he could enter the plant area. One could also borrow a pass from a friend. In such a case it would be necessary to enter the plant during the change of shift, since the guards did not look at the passes carefully but only from a distance. The same applied when leaving. Within the plant area, no one checked or asked what one was doing there.
12. Special passes and passes good for one time were closely checked, and were marked with the exact hour one entered and left the plant.
13. To guard the area, the plant had about 40 guards of the Industrial Guard. The guards had three shifts similar to the shifts of the workers employed there. The guards were armed with KBK rifles. 25X1X
14. Zbigniew Kozlowski was a political activist in the Industrial Guard of the Artificial Fiber Factory. [redacted] 25X1X
certain types of arms were produced beneath the factory. He said that probably there was a tunnel which went into Szczecin, through which the raw materials and workers were brought in, and through which the material produced was taken out. Kozlowski said that even the Chief Director, at one of the Party meetings of the Party activists, did not hide this information and told the trusted Party members that the arms produced in the underground plant were designated only for the needs of the plant and that very few were produced. Kozlowski lived in Szczecin. He was employed in the Szczecin factory as a guard. He belonged to the PZPR. Outwardly he was a great Communist, but actually he was not. During World War II, he belonged to the AK (Armia Krajowa-Home Army) but now he wishes to conceal his past. He was a bachelor, about 30 years of age, 170 cm. in height, with dark blond hair and blue eyes.

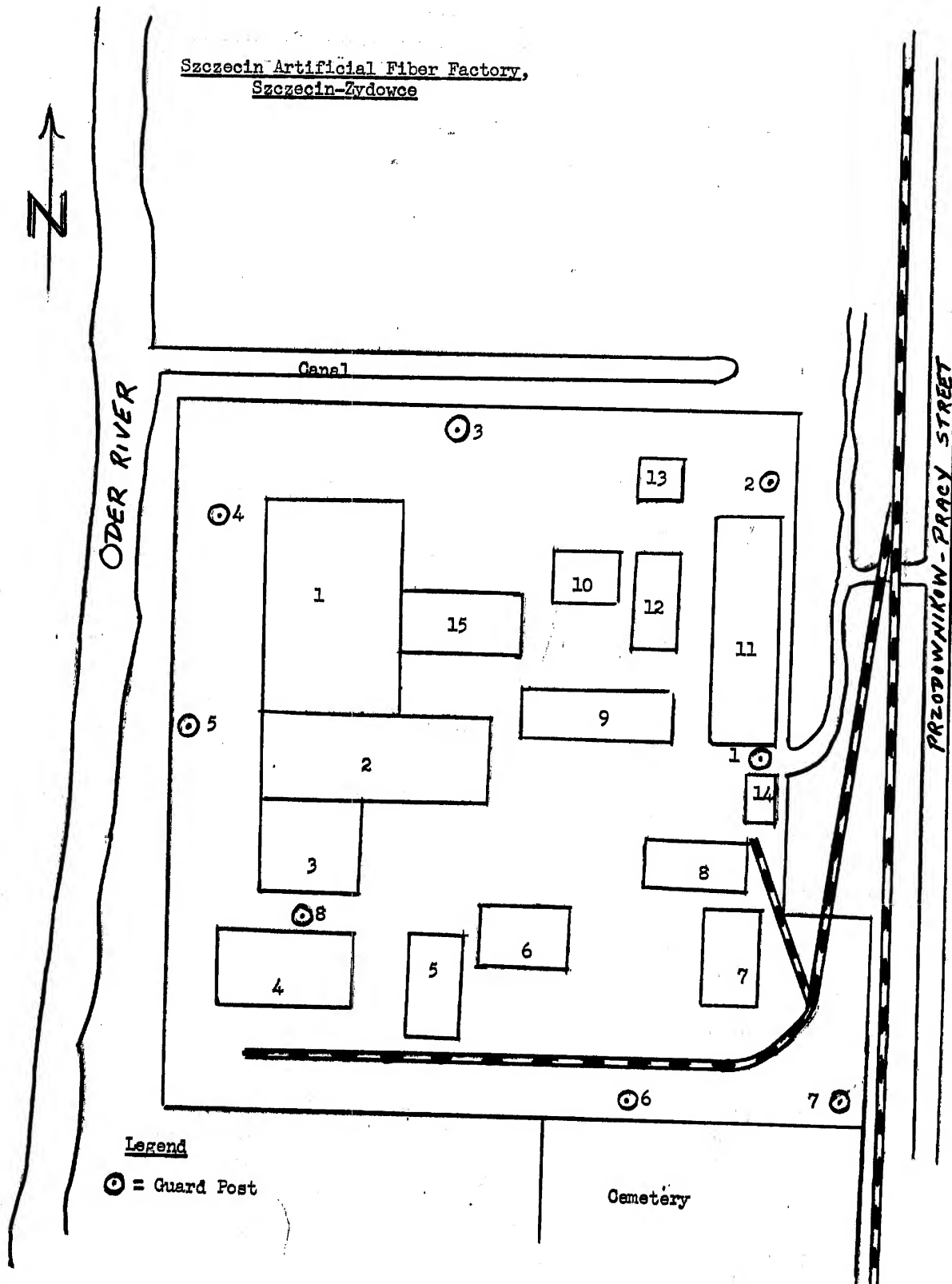
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Szczecin Artificial Fiber Factory,
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